UPCOMING EVENTS

Coffee with a Cop

McDonald's - 12101 S Memorial Dr Wednesday, Oct 2 / 8-10 AM

Enjoy a cup of coffee with some officers from the Bixby Police Department. Officers will be available for a Q&A session.

Washington Irving Festival (13700 South Memorial Drive)

Saturday, Oct 26 / 12-4 PM

1-4 PM Trunk or Treat / 3 PM Costume Contest Free event open to the community. Enjoy food trucks, inflatables, and family friendly activities. Kids, don't forget a bag for your goodies!

Bixby Community Center (211 N Cabaniss Ave)

Mummy & Me Dance (for ghosts of all ages) Saturday, Oct 26 / 6 PM

\$5 per person / refreshments provided / costume contest

Hallow(themed) Party ~ Downtown (Stanley & Dawes)

Sunday, Oct 27 / 5-7 PM

Free Fall Festival featuring food trucks, carnival games, caricatures, face painting, bounce house, live performances, trunk or treat, AND MORE! Come dressed to compete in the costume contest.

What's Happening at the Bixby Library? (20 E Breckenridge Ave)

Storytime: Mondays / 10:30-11 AM

PAWS for Reading: Tuesday, Oct 1 / 6-7 PM / Must pre-register Teen Read Month: DIY Journals / Tuesday, Oct 8 / 4:30-5:30 PM

Teen Random Fandom: Tuesday, Oct 15 / 6-7 PM

Wear a cosplay costume.

Literary Ladies of Bixby Book Club: Wednesday, Oct 16 / 2-3 PM Monster Cookie Wars for Teens: Tuesday, Oct 22 / 4:30-5:30 PM Decorate a sugar cookie.

Tangled Tuesdays for Adults: Tuesday, Oct 22 / 6:30-7:30 PM Come knit or crochet with us.

Not-So-Scary Monster Party for Kids: Saturday, Oct 26 / 10:30-11:30 AM

Trick or Treat at the Library: Thursday, Oct 31 / 4-8 PM

CONNECTING WITH BIXBY

2nd Annual Strong Neighborhood Initiative

Sunday, Oct 27 / 4-5:30 PM / Charley Young Event Park

- Share neighborhood issues and learn about Bixby programs
- Network and build relationships
- Light refreshments provided
- Sponsored by the City of Bixby
- Ever wonder how to report a pothole, downed street sign, or malfunctioning traffic light? It is easy to generate a work order with the City of Bixby, Either call 918-366-4430 or report a problem online at www.bixbyok.gov/report-issues/
- Nixle is a service offered by the City of Bixby to keep you up to date with emergency, advisory, and community information. Sign up to receive relevant information regarding streets, utilities, weather, traffic, community events, and more. Opt in to the service by texting your ZIP code to 888777 or sign up by visiting www.nixle.com/
 - For Bixby event information text **BIXBYEVENTS** to **888777**.
- For emergencies and important City information text 74008 to 888777.

Connect with the City of Bixby on BixbyOK.gov and www.Facebook.com/BixbyCity to stay informed on City events, updates on bond projects, and other information.

City Council Meetings:

- . 6 PM / 2nd and 4th Mondays each month
- City Council Chambers / Bixby Municipal Bldg. / 116 W Needles Council meeting agendas and minutes are posted on the City of Bixby website, BixbyOK.gov.

IMPORTANT CITY/SERVICES NUMBERS

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General Information	918-366-4430
Start/stop/transfer service	918-366-4430
Billing inquiries	918-366-4430
Payment arrangements	918-366-4430
Fax	918-366-6373
After hours/emergency	918-366-8294
Okie Line Locate	800-522-6543
Oklahoma Natural Gas	800-664-5463
Public Service of Oklahoma	888-216-3523
Oklahoma Gas & Electric	800-272-9741
East Central Electric	918-756-0833
BTC Broadband	918-366-8000

THE BIXBY BEACON

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Bixhoma's Newest Arrival

First responders were not the only employees hard at work on Labor Day. Bixby is proud to introduce **Bixie Edna Mode**.

When the donkeys arrived at Bixhoma in March, the Parks Department noticed Helen was looking a little round. Sure enough, she continued to grow and then labored early on Labor

Day morning to deliver the newest addition to the Vegetation Management Program at Bixhoma Lake. Helen and Bixie (short for Bixhoma) are doing great! Photos show Bixie with her mom and also proud Parks Director John Wood on her first day of life.







Bixby Fire Department (BFD) Recognizes Fire Prevention Week

Since 1922, the NFPA has sponsored the public observance of Fire Prevention Week. In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed Fire Prevention Week a national observance, making it the longest-running public health observance in our country. During Fire Prevention Week, children, adults, and teachers learn how to stay safe in case of a fire. Firefighters provide lifesaving public education in an effort to drastically decrease casualties caused by fires. (See NFPA.org for free fire escape planning tools.)

Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of October 9th in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8, 1871, and caused devastating damage. This horrific conflagration killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned more than 2.000 acres of land.



During October, the BFD will conduct fire safety demonstrations for 1300+ Bixby elementary students. Children ages Pre-K through 2nd grade from Central Elementary and North Elementary will be given safety materials and hear from firefighters about general fire and home safety tips.

2019's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!" works to educate everyone about the small but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe.



Smoke alarms need brand new batteries at least:

A) Once a month C) Once every two years B) Once a year D) Once every ten years

When escaping from a fire:

A) Take time to find your toys & pets C) Hide B) Get out fast D) Call 9-1-1

Heaters are hot so be sure to:

A) Ask an adult to operate them C) Leave them on all the time B) Turn them on and off yourself D) Dry wet clothes on them

Smoke alarms can warn you early to escape when a _ happens.

A) Fire C) Flood B) Thunderstorm D) Earthquake

You should plan to have escape routes from each room.

A) Zero C) Two B) One D) Three

Electricity can be very dangerous. Never play with:

A) A pocket video game C) Electrical cords or outlets

once a month.

B) A television remote control D) A flashlight Smoke alarms need to be

A) Cleaned C) Disconnected

B) Shined D) Tested

Call 9-1-1 or the fire department only if:

A) You need a ride home from school C) There is an emergency B) There is a scary thunderstorm D) You have a fire safety question

Only can use fire safely.

A) Kids C) Teenagers B) Kids and adults D) Adults

Answers: B, B, A, A, C, C, D, C, D

Septic Systems: Part 1

Did you know that one-quarter of all U.S. homes have septic systems? Yours may be one of them. If you're not properly maintaining your septic system. you're not only hurting the environment, you're putting your family's health at risk—and may be flushing thousands of dollars down the drain!

What Is a Septic System?

Common in rural areas without centralized sewer systems, septic systems are underground wastewater treatment structures that use a combination of nature and time-tested technology to treat wastewater from household plumbing produced by bathrooms, kitchen drains, and laundry.

Do You Have a Septic System?

If you have a septic system, you can find it by:

- Looking on your home's "as built" drawing
- Checking your yard for lids and manhole covers
- Contacting a septic inspector/pumper to help you locate it

Why should you maintain your septic system?

- It saves you money
- Protects your property values
- Keeps you and your neighbors healthy
- Protects the environment

Stay tuned for advice on how to properly maintain septic systems in future Beacon Editions.

Source - EPA.gov.

For more information visit Bixby Public Works Authority at https://www.bixbyok.gov/174/Water-Sewer



The shopping campaign will run from Oct 27-Dec 12, with the Midway Rally being held at BTC Chili Cookoff.

The **Grand Finale** and grand prize drawing will be held Friday, December 13th at the Charley Young Event Park following the Bixby Christmas Parade.

